

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

OVERVIEW

1 The curtain mounting brackets 10, 100 and 200 of the first, second and third
embodiments of the present invention are represented in detail by Figures 1 through 15 of
5 the patent drawings. The curtain mounting bracket 10 of the first embodiment is used in
conjunction with a pair of blind bracket mounting devices 40A and 40B being substantially
rectangular in shape. The first embodiment 10 is particularly used for attaching one or more
standard flat curtain rods 12A and/or 12B in order to hold a curtain 14 and a valance 16,
10 respectively, thereon. Each flat curtain rod 12A or 12B includes a pair of holding arms 22
and 24 and a holding section 30. Each holding arm 22 and 24 includes an opening 26 and
28, respectively, therein for receiving the upper prong tab members 84 and 90 of each
holding prong member 80 and 86, as depicted in Figures 1 and 3 of the drawings.

15 The curtain mounting brackets 100 and 200 of the second and third embodiments are
used in conjunction with a pair of blind bracket mounting devices 40A and 40B being
substantially rectangular in shape. The second embodiment 100 is used for a standard
(single) cylindrical curtain rod 32A for holding a curtain 14 thereon, and the third
embodiment 200 is particularly used for attaching one or more standard cylindrical curtain
rods 32A and/or 32B in order to hold a curtain 14 and/or a valance 16, respectively, thereon.
Each cylindrical curtain rod 32A or 32B includes a holding knob 34 and 36 having at each
20 end an end holding section 35 and 37, respectively, and a center holding section 38. Each

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end holding section 35 and 37 is, respectively, received within the holding arm members 140 or 240, as depicted in Figures 6, 8, 11 and 13 of the drawings. The second and third embodiments 100 and 200 are similar in structure except for the holding arm members 140 and 240 being structurally different in configuration. Holding arm member 140 includes a single rod holding section 142 in which to hold a single cylindrical curtain rod 32A thereon, as shown in Figure 8. Holding arm member 240 includes first (inner) and second (outer) rod holding sections 242 and 244 thereon for holding a pair cylindrical curtain rods 32A and 32B thereto, as shown in Figure 13 of the drawings.

Each of the blind bracket mounting devices 40A and 40B includes a top wall 42, a bottom wall 44, a rear wall 46 and a side wall 47 for forming an interior compartment 48 in order to receive the outer ends 50a and 50b of the blind mounting assembly 52 for holding a plurality of the vertical blind members 54 or for holding a plurality of the horizontal blind members 56, as shown in Figures 1, 6 and 11 of the drawings. Top wall 42 includes an upper retaining channel 43 for receiving the L-shaped retaining tab member 74 of the upper perimeter edge 72 of holding wall member 62. Bottom wall 44 also includes a lower retaining channel 45 for receiving the L-shaped retaining tab member 78 of the lower perimeter edge 76 of holding wall member 62.

FIRST EMBODIMENT 10

The curtain mounting bracket 10 and its component parts of the first embodiment of the present invention are represented in detail by Figures 1 through 5 of the patent drawings.

The curtain mounting brackets 10 are used for attaching one or more standard flat curtain rods 12A and/or 12B in conjunction with a pair of blind bracket mounting devices 40A and 40B of a blind mounting assembly 52 having a plurality of horizontal blind members 56 thereon, such that the flat curtain rods 12A and 12B are used to hold a curtain 14 and a valance 16 thereon, as depicted in Figure 1 of the drawings.

Each curtain mounting bracket 10 includes a bracket housing 60 having a holding wall member 62 and integrally connected outer and inner holding prong member 80 and 86 thereon, as depicted in Figure 2 and 3 of the drawings. Holding wall member 62 includes a front wall surface 64, a rear wall surface 66, left and right side perimeter edges 68 and 70, an upper perimeter edge 72 having an upper L-shaped retaining tab member 74 thereon, and a lower perimeter edge 76 having a lower L-shape retaining tab member 78 thereon. First side perimeter edge 68 includes an integrally connected outer holding prong member 80 having a prong holding side wall 82 with an upper prong tab member 84 thereon. Second side perimeter edge 70 includes an integrally connected inner holding prong member 86 having a prong holding side wall 88 with an upper prong tab member 90 thereon. The upper prong tab members 84 and 90 are received with tab receiving openings 26 and 28 of each holding arm 22 and 24,

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respectively, of the standard flat curtain rods 12A and 12B, as shown in Figures 1 and 3 of the drawings.

SECOND EMBODIMENT 100

The curtain mounting bracket 100 and its component parts of the second embodiment of the present invention are represented in detail by Figures 6 through 10 of the patent drawings. The curtain mounting brackets 100 are used for attaching a single standard cylindrical curtain rod 32a in conjunction with a pair of blind bracket mounting devices 40A and 40B of a blind mounting assembly 50 having a plurality of vertical blind members 54 thereon, such that the single cylindrical curtain rod 32A is used to hold a curtain 14 or a valance 16 thereon, as depicted in Figure 6 of the drawings.

Each curtain mounting bracket 100 includes a bracket housing 120 having a holding wall member 122 and an integrally attached holding arm member 140 with a rod holding section 142 thereon, as depicted in Figures 7 and 8 of the drawings. Holding wall member 122 includes a front wall surface 124, a rear wall surface 126, an upper perimeter edge 128 having an upper L-shaped retaining tab member 130 thereon, a lower perimeter edge 132 having a lower L-shaped retaining tab member 134 thereon, and side perimeter edges 136 and 138, as shown in Figures 7, 9 and 10 of the drawings. Front wall surface 124 includes an integrally attached holding arm member 140 having a single rod holding section 142 thereon. The holding arm member 140 is centrally located on the front wall surface 124 of